

April 2012



# Tippecanews

*A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities*

## *Tippecanews* Tipp City Area United Way Partners with FamilyWise

Thousands of prescriptions go unfilled simply because they are too expensive to fill. Your local United Way is part of a nationwide grassroots effort in conjunction with FamilyWise Community Service Partnership. The FamilyWise free prescription card saves an average of \$20 per prescription and are accepted at 95% of pharmacies nationwide. Using the card doesn't require enrollment or sharing of personal information and is ready to use when you receive. If you would like to receive a card, or would like additional information, please call the local United Way Office at 937-669-3863 or stop by the office at 12 South Third Street. You may also visit the Tipp City United Way website at [www.tippcityauw.org](http://www.tippcityauw.org) and click on the additional resources tab. •

## Spring Reminders

The City of Tipp City Community & Economic Development Department wishes to remind residents that if they are planning to install a fence, deck, swimming pool, or accessory building (shed) in their yard or make an addition to their home, that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required prior to starting the project. Any other building/electrical/heating permits needed are obtained at the Miami County Building Regulations in Troy. Please stop by the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, call 937-667-6305 or check our website [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov) for further information when you are putting together your spring and summer building plans. Permit information on improvements to sidewalks, driveways, and approaches is also available. •

## Tippecanews Tipp City Veterans' Memorial Pavers

The City of Tipp City is accepting orders for memorial pavers to be installed in the Veterans' Memorial Park for 2012. The tan bricks are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" - 3 lines of print (\$53.25) and the 8" x 8" - 6 lines of print (\$213.00). Applicants/honoree must have a connection to Tipp City/Monroe Township. Applications are available at the Tipp City Government Center, Tipp Monroe Community Services, or online at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). Checks are to be made payable to the City of Tipp City and received by September 1, 2012.

The pavers will be ordered in September and will be installed by Veterans Day, November 11, 2012. Please direct questions regarding this program to the Service Department at 937-667-6305. •

## Aquatic Center

Don't forget to purchase your 2012 season pass! Purchase your 2012 season pass before April 30, 2012 and receive \$20 off a family membership or \$10 off single membership. Passes can be purchased by visiting the Tipp City Government Center Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or via our website at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). •

## Yard Waste Disposal

Reminder...City residents have a new way to dispose of yard waste at no cost. The City has entered into an agreement with BR Mulch, 620 Ginghamburg Road, to accept City residents' yard waste at no cost to the resident. BR Mulch will accept yard waste in the form of branches, brush and trees (smaller than 12" inches in diameter). No leaves, stumps or root balls will be accepted.

The normal operating hours are:

**March 1 - November 30**

**Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:30 pm**

**March 10 - October 27**

**Saturdays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**April 1 - July 29**

**Sundays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm •**

## Stay Informed!

Subscribe to receive City news updates by email at [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov).

## Grass and Weed Cutting Guidelines

Spring is has sprung! The City is reminding all residents to keep their property free and clear of all grass and weed overgrowth. Tipp City Code § 94.61 requires grass overgrowth and noxious weeds growing on lands within the limits of the city and within 200 feet of residential property or public right-of-way to be cut periodically.

Tipp City Ordinance § 94.60 requires at least one mowing each month from April to October. In no case shall the grass or weeds be allowed to exceed a height of ten (10) inches. Grass and weeds in uncultivated gardens, fallow fields or undeveloped building lots shall not be excepted. Owners of properties adjoining an alley are also reminded to trim vegetation from the alleyway. Lands in Tipp City that are not properly maintained and become a nuisance are subject to enforcement in accordance with Tipp City code.

Your regular maintenance is appreciated and will help reduce the number of complaints the City receives. Your cooperation in making our community a pleasant place for neighbors and visitors is appreciated. •

## Work on the Zoning Code Update Continues

Consulting firm Compass Point Planning continues to work on the update of the Zoning Code, Subdivision Regulations, and Guidelines for the Restoration District. In March, the Steering Committee reviewed the Tipp City Code Evaluation report. The purpose of this report is threefold. First, the report outlines five major themes for improving the city's zoning code, subdivision regulations, and restoration district design guidelines. Second, the report includes a section-by-section analysis of the existing

regulations. While the intent of this second part is not to get into the fine details and issues with the existing language, it does outline significant issues and how we will address the applicable section in the new regulations (e.g., eliminate, revise, or carry forward). The third purpose is to provide an outline of the new regulations to illustrate how we propose to restructure the regulations for easier use. The Code Evaluation can be accessed online at [www.tippcityohio.gov/codeupdate.cfm](http://www.tippcityohio.gov/codeupdate.cfm). Additionally, you're welcome to attend the next meeting of the Steering Committee, which will be on Tuesday May 1, 2012 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive. This next meeting will include a review of draft text on "procedures".

Also, continue to monitor the city's website, this newsletter, and other sources of City information for more details on this process as we move forward. If you have any comments, or want to receive email updates on any aspect of the Code Update, please forward a request to Matt Spring at [springm@tippcity.net](mailto:springm@tippcity.net) or at 937-506-3172. •

## Arbor Day Celebration

In observance of Arbor Day the City Tree Board will be planting a Chinkapin Oak and Bur Oak in Woodlawn Park. The festivities are scheduled for Friday, April 27th beginning at 10:00 am. The public is welcome to attend.

Bur Oak seedlings are being distributed to the First Graders at Broadway and Nevin Coppock Elementary Schools. Information will be available at the Government Center the week of April 23-27 regarding trees, tree care and planting.

For the 28th consecutive year, the City will be receiving its Tree City USA award on April 20 at the annual Tree City USA awards ceremony in Amberly, Ohio. •

## The Tippecanoe Farmers' Market Kicks off 6th Season!

The Downtown Tippecanoe Farmers' Market will be open every Saturday from 9:00 am to noon from Saturday, June 9 – September 15 rain or shine. Once again, the Market will offer a variety of local goods, including fresh produce, baked goods, fresh flowers, organic products, handmade items and much more!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor contact Tippecanoe Farmers' Market at 974-3535 or email [info@tippecanofarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@tippecanofarmersmarket.com). Additional information is also available at [www.tippecanofarmersmarket.com](http://www.tippecanofarmersmarket.com). •

## Important City Contacts

**Automated Attendant/Direct Connect**  
**669-TIPP**

**Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY) 9-1-1**

**Miami County Communications Center**  
**(Non-Emergency) 440-9911**

**Police (Non-Emergency) 667-3112**

**Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**  
**667-9199 or 667-1680**

**Utility Billing 667-8424**

**Planning/Zoning 667-6305**

**Engineering and Utilities 667-6305**

**Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**  
**(866)695-3433**

**Service Center (Parks and Streets)**  
**667-8234**

**City Manager's Office 667-8425**

**Clerk of Council 667-8425**

**Construction Notice Update 667-6293**

## Drinking Water Quality Report for 2011

THIS REPORT IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1996. THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT IS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

The Northern Area Water Authority obtains its public drinking water supply from buried sand and gravel aquifers associated with the Great Miami River. NAWA currently utilizes six (6) production wells to draw water from the aquifer. Well water is pumped to the treatment plant where it is run through sand filters for Iron and Manganese removal. Nanofiltration membranes are used for the reduction or removal of hardness, viruses, and other contaminants. Chlorine is added for disinfection, Fluoride is added for dental health, and Orthophosphate is added to minimize corrosion or scaling in the distribution system.

NAWA has a current, unconditioned license to operate its Public Water System issued by the Ohio EPA on January 1, 2012. For information regarding this report or additional information regarding water quality, contact Lisa Hendricks, Plant Supervisor, at 937-506-3200.

### Water Quality Results

#### Regulated Contaminants

Substance	Highest Level Detected	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	(MCLG)	Range of Detects	Date of Sample	Violation	Sources of Substances
Total Chlorine	1.38	4.0 ppm	4.0	.40 - 1.38	2011	NO	Water disinfectant
Fluoride	1.21	4.0 ppm	4.0	0.88-1.21	2011	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
		Action level					
Copper	409 ppb	1300 ppb	1300	8.83 - 409	2010	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	6.76 ppb	15.5 ppb	15.5	2.02 - 6.76	2010	NO	

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. NAWA is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

IDSE TTHM	18.93	NA	NA	5.95 - 18.9	2009	NA	By product of disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes	32.83	80 ppb	0	32.83	9/19/2011	NO	
IDSE HAA5	6.62	NA	NA	1.35 - 6.62	2009	NA	

"Under the stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (D/DBPR), our public water system was required by USEPA to conduct an evaluation of our distribution system. This is known as an Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE), and is intended to identify locations in our distribution system with elevated disinfection byproduct concentrations. The locations selected for the IDSE may be used for compliance monitoring under Stage 2 DBPR, beginning in 2012. Disinfection byproducts are the result of providing continuous disinfection of your drinking water and form when disinfectants combine with organic matter naturally occurring in the source water. Disinfection byproducts are grouped into two categories, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). USEPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants byproducts in drinking water, including both TTHMs and HAA5s."

#### Unregulated Contaminants

Dibromochloromethane	3.35	n.r.	n.r.	1.35 - 3.35	2011	NO	Components of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)
Chloroform	22.35	n.r.	n.r.	22.35	2011	NO	
Bromodichloromethane	7.13	n.r.	n.r.	2.41 - 7.13	2011	NO	

## Key to Abbreviations and Terminology Used in this Report

**Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant that triggers the public water system to install other treatment technologies to reduce the concentration of the contaminant.

**MCL** - Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of contamination that is allowed in drinking water.

**MCLG** - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk.

**TTHM** - Total Trihalomethanes

**HAA5** - Haloacetic Acids

**N/A** - not applicable

**n.r.** - not regulated. USEPA has not established a MCL or MCLG.

**ppb** - parts per billion. In some sources, ppb is referred to as "ug/l", or micrograms per liter.

**ppm** - parts per million. In some sources, ppm is referred to as "mg/l", or milligrams per liter.

## EPA required health information

"Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."

"Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."

## Sources of contamination to drinking water

The sources of drinking water ( both tap water and bottled water ) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Susceptibility analysis

The aquifer that supplies drinking water to NAWA's wells is susceptible to contamination. This determination was made because of the following reasons:

1. Water quality results indicate impacts of nitrates.
2. The sand and gravel aquifer has a depth to water of 5-15 feet below the ground surface.
3. The sand and gravel aquifer material is continuous to the surface and the soil is sandy.
4. No confining layer exists which could act as a barrier between the ground surface and the aquifer.
5. Potential significant contamination sources exist within the protection area.

## Ground water protection

The City of Tipp City developed and implemented a ground water monitoring protection program in 1996. Twelve monitoring wells are currently used to study ground water quality upgradient of the well field area. This serves as an "early warning" device should dangerous contaminants threaten our well field. In 1994, Tipp City developed a Well Head Protection Program. This program served to inventory potential sources of ground water contamination within a 5-year "time of travel" zone around our existing wells. Special zoning regulations have been adopted to further reduce the risk of ground water contamination within a 1-year "time of travel zone around the wells. Public information will play a key role in providing additional risk reduction to protect this very important resource. For further information regarding our Well Head Protection Program or Source Water Assessment, please contact Lisa Hendricks at 937-506-3200.

## Public participation

Public participation and comments are encouraged at the regular council meetings of the City of Tipp City and City of Vandalia Councils.

**City of Tipp City Council** meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. These meetings are held at the Tipp City Government Center, located at 260 S. Garber Drive.

**City of Vandalia Council** meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. These meetings are held at the Vandalia Municipal Building, located at 333 J.E. Bohanan Drive.